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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director of Materiel

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SUBJECT : Follow-up on Shipments between [REDACTED]
and Detachments

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1. [REDACTED] and I discussed with [REDACTED] the problem we see existing with regard to our lack of information on the status of shipments back and forth between [REDACTED] and the Detachments. [REDACTED] was aware of this difficulty and explained how this could be alleviated if Detachments A and B, and C when it is in place, will verify receipt of shipments by TWX back to [REDACTED]. If this is done the problem will almost solve itself.

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2. As a review of how shipments are being handled, I should like to restate what [REDACTED] presented. Shipments departing [REDACTED] have Air Movement Designator numbers labelled on the package. In addition to this, a shipping invoice is placed in an envelope and nailed or glued to the carton which is shipped. A copy of this invoice, which states the AMD number and every item being shipped in the package, is forwarded by air mail to the Detachment concerned.

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3. Once the shipment is made, [REDACTED] has to assume that the material reaches the Detachment unless the Detachment after some days notifies him of failure to receive such shipment, or if they receive the shipment they so notify him that the shipment has been received intact or damaged, complete or with items missing. Lacking any such confirmation, [REDACTED] has to assume the shipment arrived.

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4. It is requested that you send a message to each Detachment calling the attention of the Detachment Commander to the failure of his Supply Officer to maintain follow-up on shipments on the way and failure to notify [REDACTED] upon receipt of shipments.

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5. As a new subject, but related, the Detachments have not been returning reparable to [REDACTED] for repair. Accordingly, [REDACTED] supply is being depleted and we may find ourselves with a shortage of critical items. As you know, our procurement is based on a minimum of items with rapid return of reparable for repair and return to the Detachments. Failure to abide by this concept may cause serious difficulty in a few months. It is requested that you bring this to the attention of the Detachment Commanders, at the same time calling their attention to failure to report currently on malfunctioning items on UR reports.

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[REDACTED]
Deputy Project Director

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- 2 - RMB
- 3 - JAG
- 4 - Chron.
- 5 - Chron.